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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 3 as follows:

--3. (Amended) The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the signal receive means comprises a plurality of delay units different from each other in delay level to set a plurality of receive start timings.

Amend claim 4 as follows:

--4. (Amended) The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein circuit devices for examining the correlation of received signals in the plurality of

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search ranges and performing path detection are provided independently of each other, and the number of circuit devices provided is the same as the number of search ranges.

Amend claim 5 as follows:

--5. (Amended) The communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a pair of circuit devices for examining the correlation of received signals in the plurality of search ranges and performing path detection are provided, and the processing of received signals is carried out through time division by the number of times equal to the number of search ranges.--

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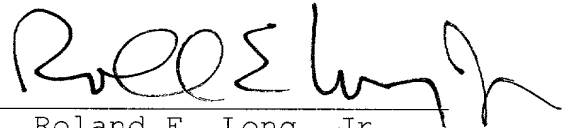
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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The claims have been amended as follows:

3. (Amended) The communication apparatus according to claim 1~~or~~2, wherein the signal receive means comprises a plurality of delay units different from each other in delay level to set a plurality of receive start timings.

4. (Amended) The communication apparatus according to claim 1~~or~~2, wherein circuit devices for examining the correlation of received signals in the plurality of search ranges and performing path detection are provided independently of each other, and the number of circuit devices provided is the same as the number of search ranges.

5. (Amended) The communication apparatus according to claim 1~~or~~2, wherein a pair of circuit devices for examining the correlation of received signals in the plurality of search ranges and performing path detection are provided, and the processing of received signals is carried out through time division by the number of times equal to the number of search ranges.

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